



September 17
through
October 29

It's back! KPL has partnered with Bell's Brewery, Tibb's Brewing, New Holland Brewery, Tempo Vino Winery, West Michigan Beer Tours, Hop Head Farms, One Well Brewing, and Shakespeare's Pub to bring you a series of programs guaranteed to make you want a pint or two! This year, we are excited to feature Fred Bueltmann, "The Beervangelist" and owner of New Holland Brewery. Bueltmann will share his perspective and insights on how craft beer has contributed to a connected lifestyle. You'll also hear about the history of New Holland Brewing, the Michigan Brewer's Guild, and original stories from his book, *Beervangelist's Guide to the Galaxy*. Full dates and details for the 2nd Annual Booktoberfest can be found on page 5.



SEPTEMBER 22
**Katherine
Applegate**



OCTOBER 1
Greg Neri



OCTOBER 7
**Emily St. John
Mandel**



OCTOBER 15
**Bonnie Jo
Campbell**

Fall 2015 is Author Season at KPL

Hunting for a great read? This fall, KPL is proud to bring you an unprecedented number of award-winning authors!



OCTOBER 27
Fred Bueltmann
"The Beervangelist"



NOVEMBER 5 & 6
**Jacqueline
Woodson**



NOVEMBER 6
Jason Reynolds



NOVEMBER 10
Yolanda Neals

2015 Youth Literature Seminar

Meet the Author Jacqueline Woodson
Thurs, November 5, 2015, 6:30 pm CEN

Jacqueline Woodson is a 2015 Coretta Scott King Author Book Award Winner, 2015 Newbery Honor Book, 2015 Sibert Honor Book, 2015 Boston Globe-Horn Book Nonfiction Honor Book, and 2015 E. B. White Read Aloud Award Winner for Middle Readers. Her most recent books are her novel *Beneath a Meth Moon* and her picture books *Each Kindness* and *This Is the Rope*. Meet Woodson and hear about her amazing career as a writer and why the availability of diverse books is so important. Bookbug will be selling books for signing.

Jacqueline Woodson and Jason Reynolds, another 2015 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent for his book *When I Was the Greatest*, are the featured speakers for the 2015 Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar. For details, see page 7 (in Teen).

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LEGAL

Ask a Lawyer

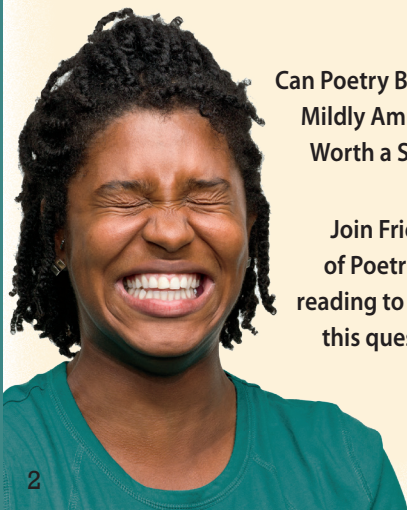
Call the Law Library, 553-7920
for appointment information

Free legal clinics for persons of low-to-moderate income with Bar Association lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, divorce, and family law.

For a free 20-minute appointment, call: Central Library, 553-7920. You may make only one appointment per four months. Clinics do not include follow-up. Further consultation must be negotiated with an individual attorney.

2nd Annual Can Poetry Be Funny?

Tues, October 20, 6:30 pm, CEN
Van Deusen room



Can Poetry Be Funny?
Mildly Amusing?
Worth a Smile?

Join Friends
of Poetry at a
reading to explore
this question.

BOOKS

The Peoples' Pop-Up Booktalks

Fiction - Fri, Sept 18, 12:30 pm, CEN
Nonfiction - Fri, Oct 16, 12:30 pm, CEN

Let's talk about books! Pop into the library after lunch to share your latest favorites with each other in a casual conversation around the 1st floor Rotunda. Hear from KPL librarians about upcoming titles. Leave with a great reading list for the long winter ahead.

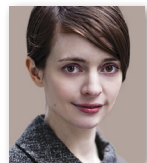
Powell Book Discussion Group

Tuesdays, September 29, October 27,
November 24, 6 pm, POW

Join the Powell Book Discussion Group as we share our insights and reviews on works by various authors. This fall, we will read *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore, *Truth or Dare* by Dwayne S. Joseph and *Grindin'* by Danielle Santiago.

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Emily St. John Mandel 
Wed, October 7, 7 pm, CEN



In partnership with the Michigan Humanities Council, Kalamazoo Public Library is thrilled to present the 2015-16 Great Michigan

Read author Emily St. John Mandel. Mandel's novel *Station Eleven* is set in a future Michigan turned upside down, but is ultimately an exploration of people surviving and remaking their lives by preserving the qualities that make us human: culture, art, and the humanities. Book sale by Michigan News Agency and signing will follow the reading.

Also, join us at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts library for a book discussion of *Station Eleven* on Wednesday, Sept 16, 2-3 pm.

Public book discussion of *Station Eleven*

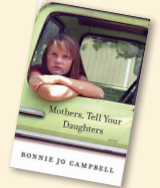
Wednesday, Sept 16, 2-3 pm,
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts library



An evening with Bonnie Jo Campbell

Thurs, October 15,
7 pm, CEN

National Book Award finalist and local literary treasure Bonnie Jo Campbell will read from her newly released story collection, *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters*. Book sale by Michigan News Agency and signing will follow the reading. Snacks available from Sarkozy's Bakery.



MEET THE AUTHOR: Yolanda Neals

Tues, November 10,
5:30 pm, POW

Yolanda Neals, founder/
Visionary, of The RED

Panty Society (TRPS), an empowerment social enterprise, is a self-proclaimed Empowerment Specialist, who studied Spiritual Life Coaching at Inner Visions Institute for Spiritual Development under the direct tutelage of best-selling author, Iyanla Vanzant. Neals, along with four other African American women, recently authored the book *DEAR Yvette: Shattered Fairytales*, where Yolanda reveals a powerful account and narration of being a sexual abuse survivor, who empowered herself to overcome a turbulent childhood and adolescence. Meet Neals and learn about The RED Panty Society and her experiences as both a survivor and a writer.



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HISTORY & GENEALOGY

Frank Lloyd Wright in Kalamazoo

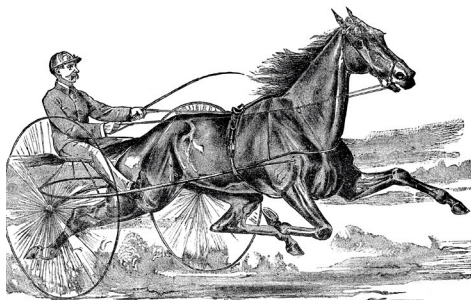
Thurs, September 24, 7 pm, CEN

Kalamazoo County boasts one of the largest collections of Usonian Houses in the world. Just after WWII, a group of young scientists from Upjohn worked together to build their homes based on Wright's Usonian concepts. Learn about his architectural philosophy, some anecdotes and how his designs worked in Kalamazoo. Presented by Sharon Ferraro, Kalamazoo's Historic Preservation Coordinator.

Farmers and Fast Horses: Harness Racing in Kalamazoo

Thurs, October 8, 7 pm, CEN

Kalamazoo was home to some of the fastest trotting tracks in the nation during the nineteenth century, but this popular sport was not without controversy. Graduate student Rachel Hekman will share her research that paints a picture of the Kalamazoo racetracks as scenes of a growing struggle between vice, virtue, and changing definitions of 'middle class morals.'



How to Write Your Own Obituary (or anyone else's)

Thurs, October 15, 7 pm, CEN

Obituaries should honor the past, preserve it for the future, and give comfort in the present – but they're tough to write at the last minute. Learn the ingredients that go into a good obituary, discuss do's and don'ts, and get a start on one for yourself that says what you would like to say. Program presented by Ruth Wilson, in partnership with the Oshtemo Historical Society.

R Genealogy Lock-In

Fri, October 23, 6-10 pm, CEN

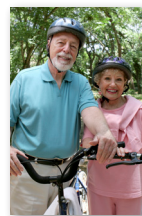
After-hours event for genealogists. Explore our extensive genealogy collection or research online with Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and America's Genealogy Bank. Take advantage of free copying, printing, and scanning. Registration begins October 5; call 553-7808 or register online.

Mail Order Homes – The Catalog and Kit Homes of Michigan

Mon, November 2, 7 pm, CEN

Join homeowners Andrew and Wendy Mutch to learn about the history of catalog and kit houses and the role that Michigan played in the industry. Hear tips on how to identify kit homes, see a variety of vintage promotional materials, and take a photographic tour of various models found in Michigan and throughout the United States.

& MORE



R Matter of Balance

8-WEEK SESSION

Tuesdays, September 8-October 27, 1 pm, OSH

Many older adults experience a fear of falling.

People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. This 8-week workshop is a program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Presented by Kalamazoo County Area Agency on Aging, IIIA. Refreshments. Registration required, call 553-7984.

Board Game Night for Adults

Tuesdays, September 29, October 27, November 24, 5:30 pm, WSQ

Drop in and play a variety of strategy, abstract, party, Euro, cooperative, card, and word games. Learn how to play a new game or bring your own. Exercise your brain while socializing with other tabletop game playing fans.

The Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee

Wed, November 18, 6-9 pm

WMU Bernhard Center
1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo

It's time to break out the dictionary and start practicing for one of KPL's most popular events, The Great Grown-Up Spelling Bee! Join us for our 15th Annual spelling competition benefitting Ready to Read, our early childhood literacy program. Last year, we raised more than \$20,000! We aim to break that record this year to purchase books for Kalamazoo County children.

Want to participate?

We are searching for sponsors and teams of spellers and cheerleaders! Visit kpl.gov/kids/spelling-bee or call (269) 553-7885 for more information.



R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

An advertisement for Freegal music. It features a close-up of a woman's face wearing large white headphones. She is smiling and looking to the side. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The Freegal music logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the word 'freegal' in a large, blue, sans-serif font and 'music' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font below it. Below the logo, the text 'You can now listen to streaming music for free with Freegal' is written in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Learn more at kpl.gov/download' is written in a black, sans-serif font, with a blue circular icon containing a white downward arrow below it.



Fall into great savings with your Friends!

SEPTEMBER:

BACK TO SCHOOL! Be sure to check out the Classics and Literature section in the bookstore for great prices on required reading for English classes.

OCTOBER:

Our annual **FALL BAG-OF-BOOKS SALE** will take place on Saturday, October 3 in the Van Deusen Room in Central Library. The sale starts at 9 am and wraps up at 3:30 pm. All books are 10¢ each or you can buy a bagful for only \$2. You'll find a great selection at unbeatable prices.

NOVEMBER:

The much-anticipated annual **GIFT BOOK SALE** begins Friday, November 27 (the day after Thanksgiving) at 10 am and runs while supplies last. This sale features like-new gift-quality books priced at a fraction of retail cost. It's a great way to start your holiday shopping.

MUSIC

GLAMA Community Sing

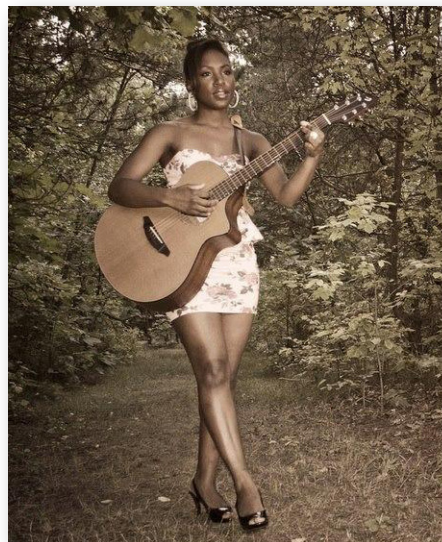
Tuesdays, September 15 & November 17, 7 pm, CEN

Come and sing a long with folksinger and songwriter Patricia Pettinga, and her GLAMA Community Sing co-hosts. Lyric sheets are provided.

Nashon Holloway Band

Wed, September 16, 7 pm, CEN

Nashon Holloway is an award-winning independent artist from the Midwestern United States. She is a passionate singer-songwriter/guitarist whose credits include performances on The Oprah Winfrey Show opposite David Foster and Charice Pempengco, Jazz at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Taste of Dubai and various others.



She also visits alternative schools, juvenile homes, churches, hospitals and hospice in an effort to introduce students of all ages to music as communication and healing.

Nashon will be accompanied by Bryan Blowers (guitar), Keith Hall (drums), Neal Conway (bass), and Rufus Ferguson (keyboard).

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.

GLAMA Acoustic Slow Jam

Tuesdays, October 13 & November 10, 7 pm, CEN

We invite you to join the Great Lakes Acoustic Music Association for a fun jam based on simple chord progressions and slow to medium tempo tunes. All acoustic stringed instruments welcome! Basic jamming tips are included.

Mark Sahlgren & Darcy Wilken

Wed, October 21, 7 pm, CEN



The popular co-hosts of WMUK's weekly radio show "Grassroots"

will perform an array of American roots music. Having led his own band, Sweetcorn, for many years, developing recording projects, producing music festivals, and teaching guitar workshops throughout southern Michigan, Mark remains active in Americana music. Darcy, Mark's daughter, is an accomplished musician who has performed hundreds of shows as a member of Kalamazoo's own The Corn Fed Girls.

HuDost

Sat, November 7, 2 pm, CEN

Michigan Festival of Sacred Music presents the musical duo HuDost.

The Neo Folk World Rock Duo from Montreal and Nashville, HuDost weaves a seamless tapestry of sound that renders tears and laughter in listeners, cultivating that nameless longing that abides somewhere in all our hearts.



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It's back! Last year was so much fun, we called for a second round. This year we will get more technical and bring you expert advice on homebrewing. Learn how to choose the best ingredients and brewing equipment, investigate different types of hops and the flavors they create, explore how to get your degree in homebrewing, and much more! If you are serious about homebrewing, or just a big fan of craft brew, you won't want to miss any of these hop-tastic events. Cheers!



Tibbs Brewing

"OVERDUE BREW"

(Belgian chocolate stout)



SPECIAL OFFER: All beer on Thursdays during the month of September will be \$1 off when patrons show their KPL library card.

One Well Brewing

"LITERARY LIQUID"

(Double IPA)



SPECIAL OFFER: \$1 off first pint of Literary Liquid or \$1 off a flight with proof of library card during the month of September.

Special offer from West Michigan Beer Tours!

In honor of National Library Card Sign-up Month, West Michigan Beer Tours is offering a 5% discount on all purchases. Use promo code KPL2015 at checkout. Good through December 31!

WMU/KVCC Brewing Degree with Mike Babb, Ed Martini & Steve Bertman

Thurs, September 17, 6:30 pm, CEN

Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) Sustainable Brewing Program and Western Michigan University (WMU) offer several academic opportunities for students interested in a career in the brewing field. The heart of the program is a Sustainable Brewing Certificate offered at the Kalsec® Center for Sustainable Brewing Education located at the new KVCC Bronson Healthy Living Campus.

"THE BREW FROM KALAMAZOO": Two Centuries of Local Brewing with Keith Howard

Tues, September 22, 6 pm, WSQ

Kalamazoo's thriving local brewing trade is rooted in traditions that date back to the earliest decades of the 19th century. From "Old Joe" and Dorothy Burchnall to George Judge's Kalamazoo Malt House and George Neumaier's Cold Stream Brewery, we will explore the history of local brewing from its humble beginnings in the 1830's until Kalamazoo "went dry" in 1915.

How to Select the Right Ingredients with John Mallet of Bell's Brewery



Tues, September 29, 6 pm, OSH

Meet John Mallett, brewery manager for Bell's Brewery, Inc. and author of *Malt: A Practical Guide from Field to Brewhouse* (Brewing Elements). Mallett will explain how the right ingredients make all the difference in crafting a quality brew. From hops to malts to barley, learn how to select the highest quality ingredients while still being cost-effective.

Beer Tasting with Alex Mantakounis, owner of Tempo Vino Winery

Tues, October 13, 6:30 pm
Shakespeare's Pub, 241 E Kalamazoo Ave

Alex Mantakounis, owner of Tempo Vino Winery, is not only an expert at wine, he is also an accomplished homebrewer and the president of KLOB (Kalamazoo Libation Organization of Brewers). Join Alex as he guides tasters through a series of different styles of beer, and explains the different flavors, textures, and notes they should expect. Registration required, call 553-7879.



Hop Head Farms with Jeff & Bonnie Steinmann

Tues, October 20, 6 pm, EAS



Most people are very curious about those crazy hop plants that grow 18 feet every season and end up as one of the key flavors of their favorite beers. A lot goes into the cultivating, harvesting, drying and processing of hops. Jeff & Bonnie Steinmann, owners of Hop Head Farms, will take the group on a virtual tour of the farm and the processing center that turns out top quality hops for world class brewers around the United States.

Getting Started Homebrewing with David Curtis, manager at Bell's General Store

Thurs, October 22, 6:30 pm, CEN

Join David Curtis, manager at Bell's General Store, to learn about the brewing process, the equipment needed, and plenty of tips and tricks to get started making your own beer at home.



Choosing Home Brewing Equipment – David Curtis, manager at Bell's General Store

Thurs, October 29, 6:30 pm, CEN

Let the team at Bell's General Store guide you through your equipment choices and upgrades to help you decide what you need. Whether you're just getting started or looking to upgrade, there are plenty of options for nearly any budget.



Stop & Taste with The Beervangelist

Tues, October 27, 6:30 pm, CEN

With more than two decades in the Michigan brewing industry, Fred

Bueltmann, aka "The Beervangelist," will share his perspective and insights on how craft beer has contributed to a connected lifestyle. You'll hear about the history of New Holland Brewing, the Michigan Brewer's Guild, and original stories from his book, *Beervangelist's Guide to the Galaxy*.

All programs will offer RAFFLE PRIZES and GIVE-AWAYS!

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Tween & Teen events

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R Pizza & Pages, Gr 5-12

Wed, September 23, 4:30 pm, POW, *Ghetto Cowboy*

Wed, October 14, 4:30 pm, OSH, *When I Was the Greatest*

Thurs, October 22, 4:30 pm, EAS, *Brown Girl Dreaming*

Stop by branch libraries and pick up our featured book. Take it home, read it, then come back and discuss it over pizza! Each selection features an author that will visit KPL this fall! Save your copy and have it signed!



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BOOKS



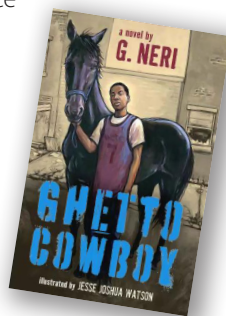
MEET THE AUTHOR:

Greg Neri 

Thurs, October 1, 5 pm, POW

Greg Neri is the Coretta Scott King honor-winning author

of *Yummy: the Last Days of a Southside Shorty* and the recipient of the Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award for his free-verse novella, *Chess Rumble*. His novels include *Knockout Games*, *Surf Mules*, and the Horace Mann Upstander Award-winning, *Ghetto Cowboy*. His latest is the free-verse picture book bio, *Hello, I'm Johnny Cash*. Prior to becoming a writer, Neri was a filmmaker, a digital media producer, and an animator/illustrator. You can find him online at www.gneri.com.



Magnus Chase Party, All Ages

Tues, October 6, 6:30 pm, WSQ

A new series by Rick Riordan! Celebrate Norse Mythology with fun, food and prizes!

Teen Read Week - Book Spine Poetry Contest

October 18-24, CEN, Teen Area

Comb through the Teen collection to find the right words! Stack books to make your perfect poem and win prizes!

Fine Forgiveness during Teen Read Week

Tweens/Teens Only

October 18-24, 2015

For every program attended during Teen Read Week, overdue fines on any one returned library item will be eliminated (does not apply to lost or damaged items).

This special fine forgiveness is for Tweens and Teens only (ages 10-19) and only for Tween/Teen events.

Read-a-Thon, Tweens/Teens Only

Sat, October 24, 10-3 pm, CEN

Celebrate Teen Read Week by reading for the fun and the philanthropy of it! Teen Services will host a five-hour Read-a-Thon to benefit Kalamazoo Area Loaves and Fishes! Pick up a registration form at the Teen Desk, gather pledges of non-perishable food items and read all day! Donations need to be turned in by November 1. Snacks, prizes, game breaks, and lunch provided!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Celebration, All Ages

Tues, November 3, 4 pm, EAS

Celebrate the release of Book 10, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School*. Can you kick it with Greg? Play Games. Listen to the beginning of the new book read aloud. Fun for *Wimpy Kid* fans of all ages. Snacks and prizes!



MEET THE AUTHOR:

Jacqueline Woodson 

Thurs, November 5, 6:30 pm, CEN

(Doors open at 6 pm, space may be limited.)

Free event; open to the public

Jacqueline Woodson is the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults, the recipient of three Newbery Honors for *After Tupac & D Foster*, *Feathers*, and *Show Way*, and a two-time Finalist for the National Book Award for *Locomotion* and *Hush*. Other awards include the Coretta Scott King Award and Los Angeles Times Book Prize for *Miracle's Boys*. Woodson's *Brown Girl Dreaming* is the 2014 National Book Award Winner for Young People's Literature, 2015 Coretta Scott King Author Book Award Winner, 2015 Newbery Honor Book, 2015 Sibert Honor Book, 2015 Boston Globe-Horn Book Nonfiction Honor Book, and 2015 E.B. White Read Aloud Award Winner for Middle Readers. Books for sale and signing from Bookbug.

MAKER

R Make a Book with KBAC, Ages 9 & Up

Tues, September 1, 1 pm, CEN

Learn to sew paper together to make the inside of the book, and then finish it off with a folded paper cover. When you are done you will have a small, hardcover journal to bring home to use as a journal or sketchbook.

Tape it! Gr 5-12

Tues, November 10, 6:30 pm, WSQ

We'll have a rainbow of colors, patterns, and sizes of tape. Washi Tape, duct tape, and packing tape, too! Bring your own inspiration and create with tape!

GEEK OUT!

J-Pop Club, Teens Only

Mondays, September 21, October 19
& November 16, 4 pm, CEN

Enjoy the latest and coolest stuff straight from Japan. Talk about your favorite anime and manga, show off your cosplay skills, and learn all sorts of amazing info about Japanese culture! Vote for your favorite anime series, and tell us what to get next. If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual club. Stop in any time during the event!

Doctor Who Party, All Ages

Sat, September 26, 2 pm, OSH

Calling all Whovians! Dress as your favorite time lord, companion, or monster, and join us for some wibbly-wobbly, timey-wimey activities and snacks!



GAMING

International Games Day @ Your Library

Tweens/Teens Only

Sat, November 21, 12 pm, CEN

Celebrate the 7th annual International Games Day with hours of non-stop game fun. Compete in special tournaments against players from around the world! All KPL game systems will be available, as well as a huge selection of board and card games. Snacks and prize giveaways!

& MORE

#TAB, Gr 6-12

Mon, September 14, October 12
& November 9, 3:30 pm, CEN, TEEN

Attention teens! Are you looking for ways to give back to your library and your community, while having fun at the same time? Join the new, improved Teen Advisory Board (#TAB) and volunteer for library programs, help with events, contribute to library social media, and more! #TAB members also get special perks, rewards, and opportunities! Want to know more? Join #TAB today!



MJ Party, All Ages

Sat, October 17, 1 pm, CEN

Moonwalk with the family at the library! Dress like Michael and snap a photo at the selfie station. Have snacks and dance with others to Michael Jackson: The Experience for Wii. Win tickets to the KSO's *Who's Bad Ultimate Michael Jackson Tribute Band* event in November!

R Registration required. Call location listed or register online at kpl.gov starting 30 days before event.



38th Annual Mary Calletto Rife Youth Literature Seminar

R Mirrors and Windows: Featuring Jacqueline Woodson & Jason Reynolds

Fri, November 6, 9 am-3:30 pm
WMU's Fetzer Center
2350 Business Court, Kalamazoo

"It's what multicultural literature does at its best: offer a mirror to those whose lives and cultures are reflected, and a window to the rest of us." – Rudine Sims Bishop

"Mirrors & Windows" is the theme for Kalamazoo Public Library's 2015 Youth Literature Seminar. We are honored to bring you the critically acclaimed and multi-award winning Jacqueline Woodson, author of the 2015 Coretta Scott King Author Book Award for *Brown Girl Dreaming*; Jason Reynolds, the 2015 Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent winner for his novel, *When I Was the Greatest*; and Kathleen Horning, the 2015 recipient of the ALSC Distinguished Service Award for her significant contributions to library services to children and to the Association for Library Service to Children.

Join us for a special day of learning about why the writing, publication, and mass distribution of diverse books, by diverse authors is so important; the impact these stories have on our children and young adults; and these author's experiences with publishing their work. Registration prices, a full schedule, and scholarship information can be found at kpl.gov/yls.

events Kids

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First Saturday at KPL, Family

September 5, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

October 3, 2-3:30 pm, CEN

November 7, 2-3 pm, CEN

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out! Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month!

First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools. Each monthly event is co-hosted with an organization serving children and families in Kalamazoo.

In September, we'll get ready for school by getting your library card and posing for a photo in our library card photobooth! Get one if you don't have one yet! Bring yours if you do! Door prizes, stories, and activities to celebrate our return to school!

October Host:

WMU McGinnis Reading Clinic

November Host:

KRESA Head Start

BOOK NOOK

MEET THE AUTHOR:

Katherine Applegate, Family
Tues, September 22, 7 pm, CEN



"Bookbug, and Kalamazoo Public Library are thrilled to welcome beloved author (and recent Newbery Award-Winner for her *The One and*

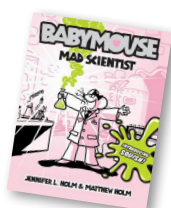
Only Ivan Katherine Applegate to Kalamazoo for the release of her new middle-grade novel, *Crenshaw*. A limited number of free tickets will be available at Central Library, beginning September 1.

In keeping with an important theme of *Crenshaw*, this event will also be a food drive, benefiting Loaves & Fishes. Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations. Those offering donations and dropping them off at Bookbug before September 17th will be entered in a raffle to win one or more signed copies of Katherine's books.

Bookworms, Family

Thursdays,
September 24,
October 22,
November 19,
4:30 pm, CEN

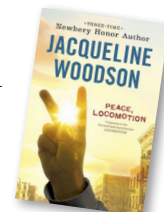
A book club for kids and their grown-ups. In September, we'll read *Babymouse: Mad Scientist* by Jennifer Holm. In October, we'll read *Each Kindness* by Jacqueline Woodson, and in November we'll read *The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906* by Lawrence Yep. Books available for participants the 1st of the month preceding the meeting.



KIDS READ:

Peace, Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson, Family
Thurs, October 15, 6:30 pm, CEN

A middle-grade family book club. Pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Room desk September 1, read the book at home, and come tell us all about it on October 15. Meet Jacqueline at her KPL visit on November 5. One book per family, while supplies last.



MEET THE AUTHOR:

Jacqueline Woodson, Family
Thurs, November 5, 6:30 pm, CEN
(Doors open at 6 pm, space may be limited.)
Free event; open to the public

Jacqueline Woodson is the winner of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults, as well as numerous other awards. Woodson's *Brown Girl Dreaming* is the 2014 National Book Award Winner for Young People's Literature, 2015 Coretta Scott King Author Book Award Winner, 2015 Newbery Honor Book, 2015 Sibert Honor Book, 2015 Boston Globe-Horn Book Nonfiction Honor Book, and 2015 E. B. White Read Aloud Award Winner for Middle Readers.





Kids and Caregivers:
borrow an iPad to explore together
in the Children's Room at Central
Library. iPads will be pre-loaded
with a variety of apps to enjoy.
Build literacy, math, geography,
science skills, and more!

MUSIC & THEATRE

Small Sounds Concert, Family Mon, October 5, 6:30 pm, OSH



Music, movement,
and imaginative fun
for the whole family.
Paul Bauer gives kids
a chance to explore
music through hands-on, interactive, and
energetic music experiences.

Crybaby Concert with Fontana Chamber Arts, Birth-5 Sat, October 24, 11 am, CEN

Crybaby Concerts are FREE 45-minute mini-
concerts that give preschool children and
their caregivers a performance of music in
an open and flexible environment - even
if your little ones feel like crying! Room to
move and stroller parking. Snacks provided
Siblings welcome.



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WSQ (Washington Square) ... **553-7970**

Musical Storytime, Family Mondays, September 28, 6:30 pm, CEN October 26, 6:30 pm, CEN November 30, 6:30 pm, CEN

Favorite songs, stories, and special guests
with Mr. Bill.

Palamazoo Puppets, Family Tues, September 29, 6:30 pm, CEN

Susan Harrison of
Palamazoo Puppets
will put on a fall-themed music and
puppet show!



R Musical Storybooks Ages 3-6 5 SESSIONS!

Tues, October 27, 9:30 am, CEN
Wed, October 28, 10:30 am, CEN
Thurs, October 29, 10:30 am, WSQ

Based on *Berlioz the Bear*, Musical
Storybooks feature storytime, craft, and
a child-friendly performance by the
Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string
quartet. Groups welcome. Register online.

- M** Maker Program
- R** Registration required. Call location listed or
register online starting 30 days before event.
- T** Space limited; ticket required. Pick up free
ticket at host location starting one week
before event; one ticket per person. Call
location with any questions.

AMAZING ANIMALS

Getting Started with Dog Obedience Training, Family Tues, September 29, 6 pm, POW

Fun for all ages. Representatives from
the United Kennel Club will demonstrate
positive obedience skills and share some
promotional materials.

Bats in the Library, Family Tues, October 20, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Meet live bats! Learn how bats use
sound waves to navigate, and how
we can protect their ecosystem.



T Binder Park Zoomobile, Family Mon, November 9, 5:30 & 6:30 pm, OSH

Creatures of the night, up close and
personal with the Binder Park Zoomobile!
Space limited. Free ticket required.

MOVE!

Miss Lisa: Stories and Dance, Ages 3-8

Thursdays, September 10, 10:30 am, CEN
September 24, 10:30 am, OSH
October 8, 10:30 am, POW
October 22, 10:30 am, EAS
November 12, 10:30 am, WSQ

Stories and dance with Miss Lisa for kids and
caregivers. For safety reasons, open only to
kids aged 3-8 and their adult caregivers.

Zumba for Kids, Ages 6-11 Mondays, September 14, October 12 & November 16, 6:30 pm, CEN

Get your Zumba on. Taught by Amy Baker
Coleman. For safety reasons, open only to
kids aged 6-11 and their adult caregivers.

Yoga for Kids & Caregivers, Family Mondays, October 19, 26 & November 2, 10:30 am, CEN

Let's practice yoga together. We'll read
stories and pair them with yoga poses
kids will love. Yoga mats or a towel
welcome, but not required. For kids of all
ages and a caregiver.

events Kids

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(more kids events on pages 8-9)

Code Camp at KPL



Tens of millions of students of all ages and backgrounds around the world have tried an Hour of Code, a one-hour introduction designed to demystify computer science and show that anybody can learn the basics. And for 5 weeks this past July, more than 150 kids and teens participated in the first-ever Kalamazoo Public Library Code Camp! Using the free resources available at www.studio.code.org, we learned the basic concepts behind computer programming through puzzles, games, and challenges. We wrote conditionals, loops, procedures, and algorithms. When we got stuck, we helped each other! We had a great time exploring resources for learning code together.

If you missed it, we hope you'll take the opportunity to check out the Hour of Code website and explore those resources together. Many free code-learning resources are available for preschoolers through adults there and through apps like Tynker and Lightbot (available on iOS and Android).

A link to the Hour of Code website has been added to the KPL computers in Children's Room to make it even easier for you to play and learn. Look for more opportunities to code together at the library over Winter Break when Code Camp makes its return!

STEM

M LEGO at the Library, Family

Sat, September 5, October 3, November 7, 10:30 am, OSH
Sat, September 19, October 17, November 21, 10:30 am, CEN
Tues, September 15, 6:30 pm, WSQ
Mon, September 21, 4 pm, POW
Thurs, September 24, 4 pm, EAS
Tues, October 13, 6:30 pm, WSQ
Wed, October 14, 4 pm, POW
Tues, October 20, 4 pm, EAS
Thurs, November 12, 4 pm, EAS
Mon, November 16, 4 pm, POW
Tues, November 17, 6:30 pm, WSQ

Build, create, race, inspire, and imagine with other Lego fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

Tech Club, Ages 6-11

Tues, September 8, October 13, November 10, 4-6 pm, CEN

Drop in and play with technology. Go at your own pace to complete each month's task. Get help from each other and KPL staff when you get stuck! Topics posted at www.kpl.gov.

M Maker Mondays, Ages 6-11

Mondays, October 5, November 2, 4-6 pm, CEN

Drop in for tinkering, creating, and exploration at the library. Different materials, tools, and projects each time. Focus on the process, not the product. Topics posted at www.kpl.gov.

Sensational Science, Ages 6-11

Mon, October 19, 4 pm, POW
Thurs, November 5, 4 pm, EAS

Games, experiments, and activities about our senses.

R Little Scientists, Ages 3-6

Mon, November 16, 10:30 am, OSH

Stories and science for preschoolers and a caregiver. Topics posted on www.kpl.gov. Registration required.

ARTS & CRAFTS

M Fairy House Building, Ages 6-11

Mon, September 21, 4:30-6:30 pm, OSH

Drop in and build a fairy house to take home. Some materials provided but please gather some to share with others. Pine cones, acorns, bark, and other natural elements make perfect trimmings for fairy houses. Open to ages 6-11.

**Depending on the age of your child, grown-up hands may be needed to assist in building.*

M Mask Making, Family

Mon, October 26, 4 pm, POW
Tues, October 27, 4 pm, WSQ
Thurs, October 29, 4 pm, EAS

Create a spooky mask for Halloween!

R Sweet and Spooky Houses, Ages 6-11

Tues, October 27, 5:15 & 6:30 pm, OSH

Create a creepy house to decorate and spook things up! Registration required.

Halloween Crafts, Family

Thurs, October 29, 10 am-6 pm, EAS
Wed, October 28 1-6 pm, POW

Drop in and create some spooky crafts!

Drop-In Holiday Crafts, Family

Sat, November 14, 12-2 pm, CEN

Drop in after the holiday parade to make a themed craft!

Thanksgiving Crafts, Family

Mon, November 23, 1-6 pm, POW & CEN
Tues, November 24, 1-8 pm, EAS

Drop in and create some Thanksgiving themed crafts.



STAY & PLAY

Toddler Talk, Ages 1-3

Wednesdays, 10:15 am, OSH

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 18, 25

Toddlers play while adults share the joys and challenges of the parenting 1-3 year olds with parent educator/facilitator.

Baby Talk, Up to Age 1 Year

Wednesdays, 1:30 pm, OSH

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

October 7, 14, 21, 28

November 4, 18, 25

Talk about care of babies up to one year with other parents. Connie Koning, RN, facilitator.

FAMILY PLACE WORKSHOPS

R 1,2,3 Play with Me: A Parent/Child Workshop, Ages 1-3



Mondays, September 14, 21, 28,

October 5, 12, 10:30-11:45 am, OSH

Wednesdays, September 23, 30,

October 7, 14, 21, 10:30-11:45 am, CEN

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with registered toddler.

M Maker Program

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STORYTIMES

Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Preschool Storytime, Ages 3-5

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN,

September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Stories, songs, and activities for 3-5 year olds and their caregivers.

Toddler Storytime, Ages 2-3

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20

10:30 am, CEN

Songs, movement and stories.

Baby Lapsit, Birth-Pre-Walkers

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24

9:30 am, CEN

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps, Walkers-24 Months

Tuesdays, 10:30 am, CEN

November 3, 10, 17, 24

Rhymes, songs, and books, for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Wild About Turkeys, Family

Wed, November 18, 10:30 am, POW

Thursday, November 19, 10:30 am, EAS

Preschool stories, activities, and crafts about, you guessed it, TURKEYS!

FAMILY STORYTIME

Stories and activities designed for birth-5.

Thursdays, 10:30 am, EAS & OSH

September 3, 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

*Not November 26

Fridays, 10:30 am, CEN & POW

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

November 13, 20

*Not November 6 or 27

& MORE

Lord of the Gourd, Family

Mon, September 14, 4-7 pm, OSH

Tues, September 15, 4-7 pm, EAS

Wed, September 16, 4-7 pm, CEN

Watch a professional pumpkin sculptor play with his food. Pat Harrison specializes in carving completely edible meals – fruits and vegetables that are carved into whimsical designs, then often cooked and eaten. He specializes in oddly-shaped pumpkins this time of year.

Eastwood Back to School Celebration, Family

Tues, September 15, 6-7:30 pm, EAS

DJ Adam Bayliss, snacks, face painting from the Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, the Fresh Food Fairy, bouncy equipment from Vertical Edge, and much more!

Oshtemo Fall Fest, Family

Sat, October 10, 1-4 pm, OSH

Celebrate Fall with the Oshtemo Branch Library. Drop in for autumnal activities and treats.



Fresh Food Fairy, Family

Friday, October 23, 10:30 am, CEN

Meet Hether Frayer, the Fresh Food Fairy at a special storytime celebrating healthy foods and National Food Day. Enjoy a smoothie made with her bike blender!



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Director's Note



I just recently attended our national conference: the American Library Association. Librarians from public, school, academic, and special libraries were there. The energy and professional inspiration with 12,000+ librarians, staff, trustees, and library friends, along with the vendors who support libraries can be overwhelming at times, but also invigorating.

Hundreds of sessions covered a wide range of topics from digital trends to traditional programming and outreach.

Vendors showed the latest in technology and furniture. Publishers distributed advance reader copies of books to be published over the next year. Their hope is that attendees will read the books in advance and promote them to library patrons. I have a large stack; now I need more leisure reading time!

Most valuable to me is the casual networking with colleagues from around the country. I talked with librarians who, like us, are embracing President Obama's goal for every child to have a library card; I got some good ideas for our next round of strategic planning; and I learned more about understanding your community to tailor collections and services accordingly.

I fondly remembered 2002 when KPL was named National Library of the Year and I joined others in celebrating the Ferguson (MO) Public Library as the 2015 winner, recognized for their community service during last summer's riots. Attendees also heard about the role of the neighborhood branch of the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore during the riots there this spring.

The conference was a highlight of the summer for me although I certainly enjoyed some sunny days reading at the beach along with some special family time. I hope it has been a good summer for you, too, as we get ready to send kids back to school and resume fall activities.

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It's My Library

This year, Kalamazoo Public Library will highlight all the ways our community uses their local library in the 2015-2016 campaign, "It's My Library."

Today, libraries are about so much more than books. Some patrons come to KPL for computer access, others for legal advice, some check out movies and music, while others come to attend our excellent programs and events! Others use KPL without ever stepping foot in any of our five locations. They download music and movies with Freegal and Hoopla. They check out magazines with Zinio or access our more than 70 databases to do research on a variety of subjects.

Regardless of why they come, each of our patron's library experiences is unique and personal. Watch their stories and share yours @ kpl.gov/itsmylibrary.



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